

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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Minister's Greetings

This month we celebrate O-higan. Higan is an abbreviation of "*To-Higan*" which literally meaning "to reach the other shore." In Buddhism, the world of suffering is referred to as "this shore" and the world of Enlightenment is called "other shore." In order to reach the other shore, one does not have to wait for the end of one's life. We can all reach the other shore right now by hearing and entrusting in the Buddha's vows and allowing Buddha's energy to fill our hearts and minds with wisdom, compassion. The observance of Ohigan gives us an opportunity to gather and express our gratitude to the Buddha for teaching us the way.

Well convention has come and gone. I agree with Rev. Kodo Umezu, Bishop of Buddhist Churches of America when he said, "we had a wonderful time together". We learned a lot about Compassion, Gratitude and Community which was our theme for this year's convention. It was so wonderful to be with old and new friends from far and near.

Gone too is the snows of winter. I cannot remember a time when it snowed as much as it did this year in the Seattle area. With the melting snow comes Spring one of my four favorite times of the year. The others being Summer, Fall and Winter. I have a hard time choosing which is favorite, because each is unique and different.

When I hug my granddaughters, I always whisper in their ear that they are my favorite. Well now that they are older, they are on to me, and when they are all present, I am compelled to say that they are all my favorite. However, now when I whisper, "you are my favorite Granddaughter" they will whisper back; "Jichan I know that I am not just the favorite but your most favorite granddaughter". I just nod my head in agreement.

So, it is the same with Amida Buddha. You are the Buddha's favorite. And when you hear the whisper from Amida there is nothing left for you to do but say with gratitude in your heart, yes I am the most favored. Namo Amida Butsu

Gassho

Reverend James Hozen Warrick



Message from the Chairperson

The 72nd Annual NW Buddhist Convention is over. Our convention committee did an excellent job putting on a well run convention. Again, White River has set new standards for future conventions to meet. The next convention will be hosted by Seattle Betsuin and it will be combined with the National Council Meeting which the NW District will be hosting.

Due to our current weather we not able to hold our General Meeting. I hope everyone survived the snow and is safe. There are some items that came up during the NW District Council meeting about the agenda for the National Council meeting in Phoenix next month. I will be attending to vote on these items. And a major issue about future NW Buddhist Conventions was discussed but tabled until the May meeting in Wapato. I will be talking to some of our members and our executive board for your opinions on how White River needs to respond.

Wayne Mizuki

P.S. Remember to join us on March 3rd at 10:00am for "Pastries with President." No agenda, No donation, No catch. Just coffee, pastries (or something similar), and good conversation with your fellow Sangha members!

**March Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
March 3, 2019 at 10:30 AM**

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of March. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, March 3rd at 10:30 am. If any names have inadvertently been omitted, please email office@wrbt.org to correct our records.

Kiyoko Nishimura	1972	Shigeru Nishimura	2005
Sue Arima	1973	Ted Tadao Komoto	2006
Tatsu Sato Abe	1981	Kimi Teraoka	2006
Masanuki Yamada	1984	Tokie Nakai	2007
Tazo Nishimura	1986	Bobbie Akira Tanabe	2008
Yoshio Horiuchi	1986	Benjamin Tsutomu Taketa	2008
Tamayo Mikami	1991	Toshi Terayama	2011
Mitsuwo Ikuta	1993	Itsuko Funai	2013
Harry Susumu Anzai	1994	Satoru Kato	2014
Tsutae Tiny Taketa	1996	Stan Tsujikawa	2017
Hiroto Mizoguchi	2001	Yasumi Kinoshita	2017
Kai Honore Hansen	2005		

1 year ~ 2018 3 year ~ 2017 7 year ~ 2013 13 year ~ 2007
17 year ~ 2003 25 year ~ 1995 33 year ~ 1987 50 year ~ 1970

DESIGNATED MEMORIAL SERVICE YEARS To schedule a family memorial service, please contact office@wrbt.org

**Community Speaker Series
“Building Beloved Communities”
March 31, 2019, 10:30 – 11:30**

Mr. John Hale, Executive Director, CALL OF COMPASSION NW, is our speaker on 3/31. Mr. Hale states, “Northwest Interfaith is a non-denominational organization guided by our vision of a world at peace. We bring people together across religious backgrounds and spiritual traditions to deepen our shared commitment to universal compassion, unconditional love, and mutual responsibility for all creation. Together we celebrate Spirit through multi-faith collaboration and compassionate works for justice in the Pacific Northwest”. Please join us for conversation and snacks immediately following this talk.

**Timeless Favorites Cooking Class
March 2 at 10:00am**

Judy & Joan will teach a class with the menu of Irish stew, scones & a mystery coffee latte. There will also be a vegetarian stew. There is a supply fee of \$10.00. Please sign up at the temple, contact office@wrbt.org, or call Lilly Kato.

**Fun Day Event
May 4, 2019**

The Fun Day Event will include a Plant Sale, food, baked items, Origami Making, Face Painting and children’s games. Genie Lau has volunteered to chair the event. Mary Cogger and Alva Nishimura are in charge of the plant sale, Gretchen Hansen will do the origami making and Greg Watson and Ruth Terry will be in charge of the food. If you have any ideas or would like to help us, please contact Norma Geenty at wiliamgeenty@comcast.net or at 253-840-4386. This will be our spring event for this year!!

*******CALLING ALL PLANT LOVERS*******

We are in need of plants for our plant sale and would really appreciate any help you can give! If you will be able to donate plants, they need to be planted now to be in time for the May 4 Fun Day! If you have any questions, please contact Mary Cogger or Alva Nishimura. Thank you all for helping make this event a successful one!

CALL LIST

If you would like to be notified about funerals, special events, etc. please contact the office@wrbt.org to be put on the Call List. Conversely, if you are on the list, but would like your name removed, please contact us.

Newsletter Reminder

April newsletter articles are due **Sunday, March 17th**. Please send articles to newsletter@wrbt.org.
Receive your newsletter via email! Contact newsletter@wrbt.org.

Buddhist Women's Association
bwa@wrbt.org

All are welcome to participate in BWA activities. You do not need to be a BWA member.



Craft Time January 29 – Back Row L to R: Pat, Vivian, Mary, Yuri, Eva, Judy, Janis. Front Row L to R: Katie, Georgette, Rona, Karen. Thank you for the popular Build-A-Bracelet session, Georgette! Thank you for donating your time, talent, and supplies!

Thank you to Soup-Making Chairperson Char and Gayle, Georgette, Yuri, Vivian, Eva, Judy, Shirley, Kathryn, Karen for making 27 gallons of soup for the Auburn Food Bank, Ray of Hope, Auburn Empty Bowl Fundraiser, Kent Cold Weather Shelter, Kent Hope & Spirit Fest.

Thank you to Eva for her donations, working the sales table & coordinating everything, and thank you to all who donated to our BWA Sales & Silent Auction @ Convention! Thank you Mary, Georgette, Norma, June Kosai, Asato family, June Kosai, Eva, Karen for your donations. Wow! Your donations brought in \$305 which is what we needed for our WR BWA donation to 2019 World Buddhist Women's Convention that was requested by FBWA of all chapters!

Please reply by Wednesday, Feb 27, if you are interested in **Fun Fellowship for Tea & Guided Tour at Meeker Mansion** (\$15 per person) in Puyallup followed by a visit to a nursery in the area on March 14. We need a minimum of 8 to sign up by Feb 27 in order for our tentative reservation to be confirmed. Otherwise, we have to cancel. Please let me know today or by this Wednesday if you are interested. BWA@wrbt.org

World Buddhist Women's Convention (WBWC) – Aug 30 – Sept 1 – We must register as a group. Special WR BWA registration forms & more info on back hallway bulletin board. Deadline to submit your registration forms & check to Karen by May 1. Workshops may fill up as time goes by. You must make your own hotel & flight reservations. Ask Karen for special group rates & codes for hotel & Alaska Airline flights. WBWC website: <http://www.cvent.com/events/16th-world-buddhist-women-s-convention/event-summary-79ccfd922c4a4624b466625c6a460dc4.aspx?RefID=WBWC> Questions? < BWA@wrbt.org >

"Arigato Obaachan" – Deadline extended. BCA Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations, FBWA, will be hosting the 16th World Buddhist Women's Convention in San Francisco this year. We're inviting all to help us in this monumental endeavor. "Arigato Obaachan" was set up to honor and say thank you to our grandmothers, mothers, aunties, sisters, and other female relatives & friends. Donation forms and more information are located on the lobby table, or e-mail < BWA@wrbt.org >.

Future Dates - All are welcome to participate in our activities whether BWA member or not.

- Jan – March YEAR-ROUND Green Box DONATIONS = Paper Supplies
- Feb 27, Wed Deadline to sign-up for March 14 Fun Fellowship to Meeker Mansion Tea & Guided Tour and a nursery in the area
- Mar 14, Thur Possible Fun Fellowship to Meeker Mansion Tea & Guided Tour and a nursery for your spring plantings if we get minimum of 8 to signup. Please **sign up by Feb 27** by contacting Karen < BWA@wrbt.org >
- Mar 24, Sun Lady Kujo Memorial Service & Spring Tea – Rev. Warrick

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Future Dates (continued) - All are welcome to participate in our activities whether BWA member or not.

- Mar 25, Mon 10:00-12:00 Craft & Coffee Time – Special for March – Sumi-e Painting Class by Gretchen. Beginners are welcome. Class info & sign-up sheet will be on bulletin board soon.
- Mar 30, Sat 9:00-11:00 Scarf-Making
- March or April Fun Fellowship to Meeker Mansion & a nursery for your spring plantings. Watch for BWA for BWA activities updates e-mail or the bulletin board for sign-up sheet & more info. Or e-mail < BWA@wrbt.org >
- April Spring Gift Card Fundraiser
- April 6 Fun Fellowship to Music Man (Must sign up. Sign-up sheet & more info on bulletin board)
- April 7, Sun BWA General Meeting after service
- May 1 Registration Deadline for WR BWA for World Buddhist Women’s Convention, San Francisco
- Aug 30-Sept 1 WORLD BUDDHIST WOMEN'S CONVENTION, hosted by FBWA – San Francisco, CA. More info & sign-up sheet on BWA bulletin board.

Green Box Year Round Collections in temple lobby – January – March = Paper Supplies. Thank you for your support! January = 30½ pounds

Newspapers - Thank you for your donations of recycled newspapers that are delivered to Inca's Secret.

Diaper Jar on the lobby table during service days. We are collecting your loose change to purchase diapers and wipes for those in need. We have been donating these to Auburn Food Bank. If you know of another local charity in need of these items, please contact Vivian.

**Craft Class - Sumi Painting
Monday, March 25th at 10:00am**

Join us for the BWA Craft Class - Sumi Painting! We will grind our own ink to practice painting bamboo, pussy willows, and any brave camelias that bloom. Newsprint, the large and small brushes, ink stones, ink sticks, and rice paper will be provided. For anyone desiring to finish their painting by affixing it to heavier Masa paper, there is a \$1.50 charge.

A sign up poster will be posted at the temple and you do not need to be a BWA member to attend. You may also contact office@wrbt.org. Class has limited space for 12-16 people.

ABA

Because of the snow, the February 4th ABA men’s cooking class has been re-scheduled for Monday, February 25th at 10 am. Eva Chun will lead the group in preparing a tasty dish.

Facilities Committee:

The new Temple electronic sign on Auburn Way has been installed and is up and running. It is easy to program and very versatile. If you would like any specific Temple related message to be displayed, you must contact our Communications Coordinator, Sharon Kosai.

The electronic sign project’s total costs were as follows: Electronic Sign, \$46,306, wiring and installation (including 3 new outlets for Bon Odori) \$18,630 for a total of \$64,936. The funds raised as of February 3, 2019 were \$38,035 leaving an unfunded amount of \$26,901. Of that the Mikami Foundation has indicated that we could use \$15,894 remaining in the maintenance fund account to pay down the costs of the sign. It would replenish the maintenance account with a new grant. This leaves an unfunded balance of \$11,007. So, if you haven’t donated for the sign already, or would like to donate again, please contact Charles Natsuhara.

At this time, we would like to recognize and thank the following persons for their help in completing this very complex project, Randy Chun for locating the sign companies and procuring bids, Greg Watson for coordinating financial approval, Bob Akiyama, Randy Okimoto, Charles Natsuhara, Justin Tannahill for coordinating and monitoring the sign installation and Roger Fukai for implementing the software.

Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from January 14th through February 11th. Thank you to the many people whose financial donations, as well as their donations of goods, energy, and time help the temple provide services, programs, and maintain the temple.

The Maekawa family generously encouraged any donations in memory of Kiyono Maekawa be contributed to White River Buddhist Temple (WRBT). The Maekawa family forwarded checks written directly to WRBT and provided a single check for the remaining contributions received during the service at our temple. Listed are names of donors who made checks directly to WRBT. My apologies for errors in spelling and listing of family members that may have occurred in compiling the information.

Please contact Charles Natsuhara, Treasurer, regarding omissions or corrections by phone (253) 833-0789, or by email to finance@wrbt.org

Monthly (Shotsuki) Memorials

Mrs. Charlene Grinolds	In memory of Steve Tsuji
Jill Komoto	In memory of Lily Komoto
Mrs. Katie Komoto	In memory of Lily Komoto
Mr Randy Okimoto	In memory of Mary Sakuma
M/M Itsuo & Yuri Shiotani	February Shotsuki Hoyo
M/M James & Ikuko Dodobara	In memory of Tazo Kiyota
Mr. Gary Komoto	In memory of Frank Komoto

Memorial Service for Kiyono "Kiyo" Maekawa (\$8315 total as of Feb. 11)

Maekawa Family	Starr Hashiguchi & Mia Wilson
Mr. & Mrs. Don and Kiyo Maekawa	Betty Hirano
Mr. & Mrs. Nina and Yick Chinn	Jerri and Jeff Honda
Mrs. Sanaye Maekawa	N. Lorraine Hoshibata
Jacqueline Austel	Victor Ikeda
Julie and Thomas Baier	Marita Ikeda
Barbara Carlson	Pamelia Ikegami
Elaine Maekawa Chin	Linda Ishii
David and Christina Chinn	Sharon Ito
Nadine Onchi Coombs	Sandra Iwasaki
Jim & Jean Crowhorn	James & Nancy Iwasaki
Beverly M. Drew	Ron & Linda Iwasaki
Karen and Randall Eng	Yoko & Richard Iwasaki
Scott & Megumi Fujii	Theresa Iwasaki
Becki Fujii & Peter Patricelli	Ellen Iwasaki
Aya Fujii	Roger Iwasaki
Tami Fujii & Keith Hefferman	Marcia Iwasaki & Stan Lokting
Suyeko Fujikado	Jana Iwasaki & Brett Waner
Maryann Mizuta Goree	Christy Iwasaki & Timothy Wilson
Charlene Grinolds	Edward Kaiura
Pam and Stan Haruta	Dale Kaneko
Julia Kanemoto	Mabel R. Ogata
Debra L. Kashino	Chris Onchi
Amy Kato	Catherine OToole
Lilly Kato	Joan Rodgers
Rosie Kato	Mark Sakagami
Bill and Beth Kawahara	Stephanie Sakauye
Josh & Melissa Kenealy	June and Frank Sato
Thomas Kometani	Atsu Sato
Daisy Kuramoto and Family	Donna Sekijima
Nobuko Lemay	Sharonne Shimizu
Robert Maekawa	Marilyn Sholian
Suzanne Maekawa & Anthony Gilbreath	Marianne Tada
Irene Mano	Mas & Fran Tamekuni
Brian and Janet Masuo	Margaret Teramoto
Marianne Matsumoto	Ben Tsujikawa
Taka Mizote	Leslie & Robert Tsunenaga
Wayne & Sally Mizuki	Takako Uchida

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Memorial Service for Kiyono “Kivo” Maekawa (\$8315 total as of Feb. 11)

Howard Mizuta	Alice Uyeda
Bonnie Natsuhara	Steve and Wendy Woo
Jean Natsuhara	Scott and Lillian Woo
Kathryn Natsuhara	White River Buddhist Temple BWA
Ronald Nobuyama	

Ho-onko Service

Mr. Joe Watanabe

General Donations

Readerboard Project	Mrs. Mary Cogger
BCA Dana Program	Mrs. Charlene Grinolds
Supporter Program, (In memory of John & Mits Hamakami)	M/M Karen & Robert Nishimoto
Kiwanis Club – Charlotte Gollonick	Temple Use
Kroger/Fred Meyer	Rewards Program Community Give-back

**2019 Pledge Totals
January 1 - 31, 2019**

Thank you for your support in 2019!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED		DOLLARS COLLECTED		
	Additional	Total	Contributors	Additional	Total
Feb 17, 2019	\$4,680	\$4,680	12	\$2,410	\$2,410
Name & Amount Not Specified for Publishing			Anonymous #30	Anonymous #31	Anonymous
#32 Anonymous #33	Anonymous #34		Anonymous #35	Anonymous #36	Anonymous
#37 Anonymous #38					
Amount Not Specified for Publishing			Amy Kato	Sharon Kosai	
Under \$500	Carolyn Yamada	Ruth Terry	Mark Terry	Judy Gardner	Don Gardner
	Joan Hoskin	David Hoskin	Anonymous #1		
\$500-\$999	Jean Sakagami				
\$1,000-\$4,999	Randy Okimoto				
<u>For Comparison</u>					
Feb 5, 2018	\$11,845	\$11,845	16	\$8,085	\$8,085

Investment Committee:

Unfortunately, 2018 was not a good year for the Temple’s investments. They followed the general trend of the stock market and were down \$23,847 for the year. However, over the total investment period from June 1, 2014 through December 21, 2018 the investments remain up \$31,379 for an annual net return of 1.62% per year.

**NW District Buddhist Convention
Compassion, Gratitude, Community**

The convention committee would like to say “**THANK YOU**” to the entire White River Buddhist Temple Sangha. Your guidance, patience, wisdom, and physical and financial support were critical for us to be able to put on this wonderful event. We could never list everyone so please know that we appreciate all that you have done!!

Your assistance has paid off as we have been hearing many positive comments about the convention - many were pleased with the workshops which were relevant to today’s issues in the world, while our keynote speaker, Rev. Matt Hamasaki was a breath of fresh air.

Thank you Rev. Jim Warrick, who put many hours into coordinating with the ministers to make sure our theme of Compassion, Gratitude, Community was reflected in every session.

Finally, since this was the 72nd Annual NW District convention, it is apparent that those that have gone before us played a large part in where we are today. We are very fortunate that they have set in place a week-end event for fun, fellowship, and learning. We will always remember what they have left for us!

Be sure to look for our news article in the Wheel of Dharma!

Views expressed in articles by individuals do not necessarily represent the views of, and should not be attributed to the Temple or Sangha members

Reverend Warrick's Formal Temple Office Hours

Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

For religious or other consultations and home visitations, we advise that an appointment be made directly with Rev. Warrick. Reverend Warrick is on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for emergencies.

For ALL ministerial needs (including emergencies), please call the Temple phone (253) 833-1442. If your call is not answered immediately, please leave a message and Rev Warrick will return your call as soon as possible. Note that calls will be forwarded to Rev. Warrick when he is not at the Temple.

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